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For: Method for Selective and Optionally  
Reversible Degeneration of Somatic  
Plant Tissue

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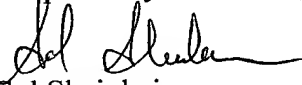
Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Restriction Action mailed August 19, 2002, which response is being made on or  
before September 19, 2002.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, namely Claims 1 – 2, 7, 9-14, 18-19,  
24-28, 31-32, 35-38 and 50-53, all in part, and claims 4, 6, 20-22, 29 and 33 in their  
entirety, drawn to a method of effecting degeneration of somatic plant tissue by  
expressing a protein that binds biotin, and plants thereby obtained.

Applicants reserve the right to file, at a later date, additional divisional  
applications claiming priority from the present application which are directed to any  
one or more of the non-elected Groups.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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